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**Nelson Mandela to be Inducted into the
L.A. Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor**

What: Induction ceremony posthumously honoring President Nelson Mandela into the L.A. Memorial Coliseum Court of Honor

When: 3 PM, Wednesday, May 14

Who: Los Angeles County Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas
University of Southern California President C.L. Max Nikias
Consul General of the Republic of South Africa Cyril Ndaba
Dr. Patrick Soon-Shiong
Councilmember Curren Price

Where: Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Peristyle
3911 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, California 90037

Background: Last February, the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission, unanimously approved a motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, to induct Nobel laureate and former South African president Nelson Mandela to the Coliseum's Court of Honor.

At Wednesday's induction ceremony, President Mandela's plaque will be permanently installed among the plaques of President John F. Kennedy, Pope John Paul II and the Rev. Billy Graham.

Since 1932, the Court of Honor, located in the Coliseum's columned peristyle, has honored persons and events of historical significance, athletes and Los Angeles leaders.

Mandela appeared at the Coliseum in June, 1990, just four months after his release from prison in South Africa. Thousands turned out to hear the anti-Apartheid leader, whose unjust imprisonment of 27 years focused world attention on the plight of South Africa's black majority. His Coliseum rally was a key part of his first visit to the United States, and was noted worldwide in newspapers and television and radio broadcasts.

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